



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Jason E. Gayer : Group Art Unit # 3634  
Serial No. 10/671,108 : Examiner: Gregory J. Strimbu  
Filed: 25 September 2003 : Date: 27 May 2006  
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For: MANWAY LIFT DEVICE, ADJUSTABLE :  
BIASING ASSEMBLY THEREFOR AND :  
METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME :

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of 05 April 2006, please amend the specification,  
Serial number 10/671,108 as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figs. 1 and 2 as follows. In Fig. 1, delete the lead line from number 12 to the lower hinge bracket and insert a lead line from reference number 12 to the upper hinge bracket. In Fig. 2, please delete the reference number 116 on the internal face 62 of spring housing 14 and insert the number 126. Please further move the reference number 116 and the lead line extending therefrom on member 111 to the location previously occupied by reference number 102, move the reference number 27 and the associated lead line to a position above the previous location of reference number 116 and move the reference number 102 and the associated lead line to the position previously occupied by reference number 102 with the lead line touching the stop represented by the line between side flanges 81, 82. In Fig. 2, please add the reference number 76 and an arrow generally pointing toward the exploded bushing set attendant with the hinge. Applicant submits herewith replacement drawing sheets for the drawing sheets filed with the original specification.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract as follows. Please delete the word "said" from line 3 and insert the article "the" in the place thereof. Please insert the words "each of" prior to the words

“the hinge pairs” in line 5 and prior to the words “the threaded” in line 7. Please delete the word “bushing” after “threaded” in line 7 and insert the word “bushings” in the place thereof. Please delete the words “bushing set to” and insert in the place thereof the words “bushings to the” in line 6. Please delete the entire last sentence of the abstract.

In the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 18, please delete the numbers 116 in lines 20 and 23 and insert the number 126 in the place thereof.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows. Please delete the words “and methods of making the same” from the second line of the title, delete the comma after the word “device” and insert the connective “and” therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows. In line 4, delete the article “the” and insert in the place thereof the article “a.” In lines 9 and 11 please delete words “therethrough” and “opposite” and insert the words “therein” and “opposed” in the place thereof. In line 12 after the words “end thereof” insert a comma and the words “said boss” in the place thereof. In line 12 before the words “said lower hinge bracket” insert the word “one.” In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Applicant submits a marked up abstract on page 4 following a marked up paragraph on page 3 hereof for the specification on page 18 beginning on line 20, an amended title page and a complete set of amended claims in the instant application with claim identifiers for all claims including marked up portions of the amended claims. The claims appear on separate pages 6 -8. Remarks begin on page 9.

IN THE TITLE:

In the bibliographic information, please change the address of the inventor as shown on the accompanying application data sheet.

FEES:

Applicant has amended the specification, drawings and claims and believes that no fees are required, however, Applicant respectfully requests prompt notification in case missing fees are required in order correct such deficiency in a timely manner so that this amendment will be fully responsive on the effective date thereof.